

Qualification Standards

◇ **Qualification Standards for 2006** – The following table shows the amounts of education and/or experience required to qualify for temporary seasonal positions. To qualify at each grade level, either the general and specialized experience **OR** the educational requirements must be met.

◇ **Selective Placement Factor:** For GG-4 and above, you must have at least one season of prior on-the-line wildland firefighting experience. Selective placement factors are in addition to specialized experience and/or education.

Grade	EXPERIENCE		<u>OR</u>	EDUCATION
	General	and Specialized		
GG-2	3 months	None		High School Graduation or equivalent
GG-3	6 months	None		1 year above high school
GG-4	6 months	6 months equivalent to GG-3		2 years above high school (12 semester hours) with courses related to the occupation *
GG-5	None	12 months equivalent to GG-4		4-year course of study (24 semester hours) above high school leading to a bachelor's degree with courses related to the occupation *
GG-6	None	12 months equivalent to GG-5		One-half year of graduate education (9 semester hours) with courses related to the occupation *
GG-7	None	12 months equivalent to GG-6		One full year of graduate education (18 semester hours) with courses related to the occupation *

**Qualifying coursework is defined as courses such as:
biological sciences, natural resources, wildland fire management, forestry, agricultural, etc.*

◇ **New Qualification Standards effective October 1, 2009** – Implementation of the Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) Qualification Standards for permanent and temporary positions becomes effective October 1, 2009. National Wildland Coordinating Group (NWCG) qualifications will be required at the GG-5 and above. Refer to the following table showing the NWCG qualification selective placement factors.

Effective October 1, 2009	
Grade	NWCG Selective Placement Factor Requirements
GG-2	None
GG-3	None
GG-4	One season of prior on-the-line wildland firefighting experience
GG-5	ICT5 or FFT1 or HECM, as appropriate AND S-290 course.
GG-6	See IFPM Standard as appropriate
GG-7	See IFPM Standard as appropriate